REMARKS

The Final Rejection dated July 11, 2008, has been carefully considered. In response thereto, present Amendment is intended to be a complete response and to place the case in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding Final Rejection and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of claim 14 and the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 1-9 and 11.

The Applicants respectfully submit that the present Amendment overcomes the objection to the drawings and the rejection of claims 1-9 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. The amended claims are readable on Figs. 9A, 9B, 10A, 12 and 13.

The Applicants respectfully submit that entry of the present Amendment is appropriate, as it does not raise any new issues requiring further consideration or search, but instead only amends the claims as agreed on during the telephone interview summarized above.

In light of the above, the Applicants respectfully submit that the application as amended is in condition for allowance. Notice of such allowance is respectfully solicited.

In the event that there are any questions relating to this Amendment or to the application in general, it would be appreciated if the Examiner would telephone the undersigned attorney concerning such questions so that the prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Please charge any shortage of fees, or credit any overpayment thereof, to BLANK ROME LLP, Deposit Account No. 23-2185 (120736-00103). In the event that a petition for an extension of time is required to be submitted herewith and in the event that a separate petition does not accompany this response, applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. §

1.136(a) for an extension of time for as many months as are required to render this submission timely. Any fees due are authorized above.

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